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## HAVE MAINTAINED SECRECY IN WORK

Presumed That Officials are at Muskogee to Follow up Investigation of Land Graft Charges

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 19.—It developed yesterday that since Saturday several government officials have arrived in Muskogee after having secured affidavits from various alleged dummies whose names are said to have been used in connection with alleged forged quit-claims concerning lots involved in the far-famed Mott suits.

Secrecy has been maintained regarding the arrival of these officials and no information could be obtained concerning the purpose of their visit to Muskogee, but in view of the proximity of the special session of the federal grand jury, which meets January 26, it is presumed that they are here to follow up the investigations that they have been pursued by the government in these suits.

None of the witnesses subpoenaed in Missouri, Indiana, Michigan, New York, Virginia and Tennessee to appear in Muskogee in connection with the Mott suits have as yet arrived.

## PROPOSES THREE YEARS EXEMPTION FOR QUAIL

Guthrie, Jan. 19.—A bill introduced by Johnson of Hughes county asks that the hunting, trapping or any means of slaughtering quail, be exempted for three years that the quail may help in eliminating the cotton pest, the boll weevil.

Wallace of Garvin presented a bill to repeal the anti-Johnson grass law, another that was introduced was the bill for free text books and school appliances by Sullivan of Lettore.

## WAS INAUGURATED GOVERNOR WHILE MEMBER OF HOUSE

Washington, D. C. Jan. 20.—George L. Lilley, who was inaugurated governor of Connecticut recently, while occupying a seat in the house was dropped from membership in that body today.

## INTER-MARRIED CITIZENS MUST APPLY TO AGENT

**Congressman Davenport Writes Letter Explaining Steps Necessary for Participation in Funds According to Act of Congress Last May--Simply Write Agent Giving Name and Address, is all Application Necessary.**

The following letter received today from Congressman James S. Davenport needs no further explanation, but is of great interest to many of the Chieftain readers:

January, 19, 1909.

Dear Sir:—

For the information of the intermarried citizens who married according to the Cherokee law prior to November 1 1875, and who were enrolled under the decision of the supreme court of the United States in the case of Daniel Redbird against the United States, and for whom an application was made in Sec. 8 of the Act of Congress approved May 29, 1908. (Pub. No. 156), I desire to say that the Department of the Interior has arranged so that each of the intermarried citizens will have to make application of the Indian Agent, in writing, for a pro rata share of the money which was appropriated by the said Act of Congress mentioned herein. In making the application all that is necessary is for the applicant to write the Indian Agent advising him that he makes application as one entitled to participate in the funds as an intermarried citizen of the Cherokee Nation, giving his full name

## MISUNDERSTANDING STOPS BALLOTING FOR SENATOR

By Associated Press.  
Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 19.—Owing to a misunderstanding the senate did not ballot for United States senator this morning. Several democratic senators were not in their seats when the session was called to order and an adjournment was taken till 1:30 this afternoon.

## ACTION FOR LIBEL MAY HAVE STARTED

Complainant and Defendant Are Yet Unidentified in Proceedings Begun Before Judge Ward.

By Associated Press.  
New York, January 19.—With both complainant and defendant in the main issue involved still unidentified, Judge Ward in the United States circuit court today received briefs from the attorneys engaged in the preliminaries of what is believed to be criminal proceedings by the federal government growing out of the recent newspaper criticisms of the Panama canal purchase.

Douglas Robinson, brother-in-law of Theodore Roosevelt, and Charles P. Taft were both before the grand jury today. Both refused to give information regarding their testimony.

## SHARP EARTHQUAKE FELT NEAR SMYRNA

By Associated Press.  
Smyrna, Jan. 19.—A sharp earthquake was experienced here this morning. There was no local danger, but twenty miles northwest of here a number of houses fell, three persons were killed and buildings damaged in other towns.

## GORE RECEIVED NINETY-SIX VOTES OF LEGISLATORS

By Associated Press.  
Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 20.—Thomas P. Gore was today formally reelected senator in a joint session of the legislature. The vote was Gore ninety-six and Flynn forty-nine.

## HEARST'S SPECIAL AGENT ARRESTED AT GUTHRIE

**Scott MacReynolds Arrested on Charge of Conspiracy to Defame Governor--Search Warrant Reveals Valuable Papers Collected by Attorney for New York Editor in Famous \$600,000 Libel Suit Instituted by Governor Haskell.**

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 19.—On a warrant sworn out by Governor Haskell, charging conspiracy to defame the governor, Scott MacReynolds, attorney and special agent for William R. Hearst, was arrested last night. Armed with a search warrant, also sworn out by Haskell, MacReynolds, rooms at the lone hotel were searched by Sheriff John Mahoney and Orville T. Smith, private attorney to the governor and a large amount of data and papers were seized pertaining to the \$600,000 libel suit just instituted by Haskell against Hearst.

MacReynolds, immediately demanded of the county court through his counsel,

Judge John H. Burford, the whereabouts of his papers. They were found in the private office of the governor and taken over by the sheriff at the court's orders. MacReynolds had collected a vast amount of data all secured in confidence and in a statement made last night, he declares Haskell's purpose in obtaining his arrest and the seizure of his papers was to obtain possession of them to ascertain their importance and to learn from whom he had obtained information.

MacReynolds was given his liberty on his own recognizance to appear at the trial which by agreement was set for next Monday.

## SIXTEEN HASTINGS MEN SUBPOENAED

Claimed that Michigan Men Received Deeds to Land in Oklahoma--Haskell's Secretary Involved

By Associated Press.  
Hastings, Mich., Jan. 21.—Sixteen citizens of Hastings, including the circuit judge and prosecuting attorney have been summoned by subpoena to Oklahoma to give testimony in regard to some land deals in which Walter R. Eaton, secretary to Governor Haskell and a former resident of this city, is alleged to be concerned. It is alleged that sixteen persons subpoenaed, received deeds to certain lands in Oklahoma and title was afterwards converted to Eaton.

## SIX ITALIANS KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION

By Associated Press.  
Salinas, Cal., Jan. 20.—Six men were killed yesterday by an explosion in the Lone Canyon coal mines, near Chancellors, seventy miles south of here. The details are lacking but it is believed that the men were Italians.

## REFUSED LICENSE TO DO BUSINESS IN MISSOURI

By Associated Press.  
Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 20.—The supreme court of Missouri today refused a license to do business in the state to the Northern Central coal company of New Haven, Conn., because not enough of its capital stock had been subscribed.

## TWELVE MEN INJURED IN POWDER EXPLOSION

By Associated Press.  
Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 20.—An explosion in the mixing building of the Dupont Powder plant at Gibbstown, N. J., twenty miles south of Philadelphia today injured twelve men, and destroyed several small buildings.

## ALL READY FOR TRIAL OF CARMACK'S SLAYERS

By Associated Press.  
Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 20.—All is in readiness for the opening of the trial of Coloner Cooper and son, Robin Cooper, for the murder of Ex-senator Carmack. Only the objections of the counsel now stand in the way of the beginning.

## DEATH LIST MAY BE ONE HUNDRED

Many Missing Workmen on Crib at Chicago Believed to be at Bottom of Lake Michigan

By Associated Press.  
Chicago, Ill., Jan. 21.—President Joseph D. Andrew, president of the Sewer and Tunnel miners' association, expressed a fear today that the death list in the crib fire, yesterday, may reach one hundred. "I am told," he said, "that there were about one hundred and seventy five men working in the crib when the fire started. If this proves true, the number of dead will easily reach one hundred. Many of the missing are undoubtedly at the bottom of the lake and will probably never be recovered."

## THOMAS PRYOR GORE REELECTED TO SENATE

By Associated Press.  
Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 19.—The house and senate today voted separately for the reelection of a United States senator. Senator Thomas Pryor Gore, democrat of Lawton received the straight party vote and will be formally reelected tomorrow by a joint session. The minority vote was cast for Dennis T. Flynn.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Senator T. P. Gore left Washington Friday night for Guthrie where today he was reelected to the senate. He will spend only a few days in Oklahoma. He will be present when the legislature assembles in joint session to carry out the will of the people expressed in the primaries at last election and immediately after he is elected will return to Washington.

## ODOR OF BURNING FLESH MINGLING WITH SMOKE

By Associated Press.  
Messica, Jan. 19.—A serious fire broke out here today, among the ruins of the wrecked city. The remains of the Penrose Palace fell in and added to the conflagration. The flames are spreading in spite of the work of the soldiers to control them, and the situation is serious. The odor of burning flesh mingles with the smoke and it is feared that persons still alive are being consumed.

## KANSAS REPRESENTATIVE STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS

By Associated Press.  
Topeka, Kans., Jan. 21.—Representative W. A. Morgan, of Hays, who came to the capital today, was stricken with paralysis, which effected his left side and his powers of speech.

## FORMER BANK TELLER FINISHES SENTENCE

By Associated Press.  
Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 19.—William C. Anderson, for eighteen years teller of the First National bank of Kansas City, and who was sentenced in 1906 to four years in the penitentiary for stealing nine thousand dollars, finished his term and was released today. His time was reduced for good behavior.

## RATCLIFF GIVEN \$757.80 JUDGMENT

Jury Trials in January Term of County Court Began at Yesterday's Session

The jury trials in the January term of the county court began yesterday afternoon, after continuing some and dismissing other cases pending the court heard the case of E. N. Ratcliff vs R. R. Taylor in which the plaintiff sues on account and notes, was awarded a judgment of \$757.80.

In the case of Seymour Riddle vs Maud Manley the plaintiff was given judgment in the sum of \$164.45.

At 1:30 this afternoon the case of A. J. Pitchford vs P. J. Lawless was taken up. This case is of long standing and has been heard at former terms of the county court.

## WIMER PURCHASES PLANT OF VINITA BRICK COMPANY

The plant of the Vinita Brick company was sold at sheriff's sale today and Dr. T. T. Wimer was the successful bidder, and the plant was sold to him for \$3,650. Dr. Wimer will improve the plant in many ways, one of which will be the construction of down draft kilns, and will make his plant one of the biggest industrial institutions in the city.

Four Jurors in Box.

By Associated Press.  
Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 21.—With four jurors already in the box and with the court evincing every disposition to rush the selection of the remaining eight as rapidly as possible, the second day of the Cooper murder trial opened.

## ONLY SEVENTEEN WITNESSES ABSENT

County Judgeirate Over Failure of Witnesses to Appear in Case of Pitchford vs Lawless

"The court will stand adjourned until 1:30 o'clock this afternoon," announced County Judge Frear this morning, when the court convened. The tone of the judge's voice also would indicate that the court was highly displeased, and the cause of all the displeasure was over the failure of seventeen prominent men of Vinita, who had been summoned as witnesses in the case of A. J. Pitchford vs P. J. Lawless, to appear in court at the appointed time. Eighteen witnesses had been subpoenaed for this case, and of the eighteen only one appeared.

Immediately after adjourning the morning session of the court Judge Frear issued attachments for the seventeen witnesses, who failed to appear this morning and instructed the sheriff to bring the offenders into court at 1:30 this afternoon.

From the manner in which the attachments were issued it is evident that unless the offending witnesses can show good cause for not appearing according to summons that some fines will be turned into the coffers of the county court. Judge Frear was so highly incensed that he would not discuss the case further than to drop the intimation that those who defied this time would not ignore a summons from his court the next time.

## FARMERS SHORT COURSE BEGINS AT STILLWATER

Stillwater, Okla., Jan. 19.—The annual Farmers' Short Course and meeting of the state board of agriculture, began here yesterday. The first sessions were devoted to farmers' institute work. Today will be given to field crops; Wednesday to live stock; Thursday to dairying; Friday to horticulture, and Saturday to farm machinery. The morning sessions will consist of a series of lectures, rather technical nature; the afternoons will be devoted to demonstration work, and the evenings to lectures and entertainments. A special feature of the course will be the domestic science lectures and demonstrations for farmers wives and daughters. Some of the ablest agricultural educators of the country will be in attendance to assist in the work.

## TWENTY-THREE MEN LOST LIVES IN CHICAGO FIRE

**Supply Crib in Lake Michigan Destroyed--Forty-Five of Imprisoned Men Rescued, But Many Were Severely Burned--Explosion of Powder Causes Sudden Envelopment of Wooden Structure and Death Confronted Men Cut Off from Safety.**

By Associated Press.  
Chicago, Ill., Jan. 20.—Twenty-three men are reported to have lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the intermediate water supply crib, one and one-half miles from the shore in Lake Michigan, today. Forty-five men were rescued, many of whom were badly burned, by the tug Marford and brought into the city.

Sixty men were at work in a tunnel under the crib or asleep when they were suddenly awakened by the explosion of a powder magazine which immediately wrapped the wooden structure in flames. Those not killed or injured by the explosion found escape cut off by the waters of Lake Michigan.

Many of the imprisoned men leaped in

to the lake to escape the flames before tugs could reach the crib and were drowned.

A telephone message from the crib at one o'clock this afternoon stated that the bodies had been recovered from the tunnel. The report added there are more bodies at the bottom of the shaft.

## ARGUMENTS RESUMED IN MISSOURI RATE CASE

By Associated Press.  
Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 21.—In the Missouri railroad rate cases involving the two cent and maximum freight rate acts, Sanford B. Ladd, in the federal court, this morning resumed his arguments for the state. Governor Hadley may begin his arguments late in the day.

Stone Reelected Senator

By Associated Press.  
Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 20.—William J. Stone, democrat, was today reelected United States senator.